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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The latest figures reported to Government will be found in Appendix II on pages 94 to 97 of the Budget Memorandum.

(*c*) The hon. Member is referred to the Quarterly List of Gazetted Officers.

(*d*) The latest information available will be found on pages 96–97 of the Budget Memorandum.

(*e*) Information is not available.

Land Revenue

Collection of the suspended land revenue in Bellary taluk.

* 1693 *Q.*—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a circular was sent in January 1928 to all the village officers in Bellary taluk, Bellary district, to collect the suspended land revenue of fasli 1336;

(*b*) the number and names of villages in which the land revenue for fasli 1336 was collected by 1st February 1928 in full or in part as a result of this circular and if in part the part that has been collected; and

(*c*) whether any of these villages have been later recommended by the district revenue authorities for postponement of land revenue for fasli 1336 in full or in part and in part the part that has been recommended ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have not the information but have called for it.

Postponement of the collection of land revenue in Bellary taluk.

* 1694 *Q.*—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the months in which land revenue is collected in Bellary taluk, Bellary district, and the portions to be collected in each month;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any petitions from the ryots of that taluk complaining that their crops have failed this year also and requesting that the land revenue collections be postponed;

(*c*) whether the Government have come to any decision as to the collection or suspension of land revenue in these villages;

(*d*) what are those decisions and when they were arrived at; and

(*e*) whether the Government have issued orders suspending collections till the Government had come to a decision about postponement or suspension ?

A.—(*a*) February ... ... 4 annas.
March ... ... 8 „
April ... ... 4 „

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) No order has been issued suspending the collection of the land revenue of the current fasli in any village in the Bellary taluk; nor is the issue of any such order contemplated. The collection of the suspended revenue of fasli 1336 in 55 villages of the taluk has been postponed from the current fasli to the next fasli. The collection of half of the suspended revenue of fasli 1336 in 63 villages of the taluk has similarly been postponed to the next fasli.

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Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know, Sir, if the Government have received any petition from the ryots for postponing the collection of revenue of fasli 1337 ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I am not perfectly sure. I think such petitions were received and sent to the Collector for report."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know if the Government are aware that there are areas in Bellary where the crop has been less than 4 annas and whether the Government contemplate suspension of land revenue this year."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Government are not aware, Sir."

Loans

Reduction of the rate of interest on agricultural loans.

* 1695 *Q.*—Mr. J. KUPPUSWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the progress made in the investigation promised by him of the question relating to the reduction of the rate of interest to 5 per cent on loans under the Land Improvement Loans Act and the Agricultural Loans Act recommended by the Legislative Council in the resolution passed at its meeting on 24th January 1928 ?

A.—The Government have called for a report from the Board of Revenue.

Season

Cyclone havoc in Cuddapah district.

* 1696 *Q.*—K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the amount of the property lost as a result of the recent cyclone havoc in the district of Cuddapah ;

(*b*) what is the estimated damage caused to the property of Muhammadans in Cuddapah ;

(*c*) whether Government have given them any relief ; and

(*d*) if so, what is the nature of relief given ?

A.—(*a*) The amount of property lost is as given below :—

	RS.
Livestock	78,049
Damages to houses	50,000

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have not got separate information for different castes or religions. The measures of relief taken by Government were to make free grants of building materials to poor persons and to make small grants of money to relieve immediate want till people could get to work again.